

Statesville, N.C. or 5<sup>th</sup> 1875

Dear Prof Gray-

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to hand. I fully appreciate your motive in keeping the specimen, and am content and happy for you to do so. Fortunately, I can fulfill my promise, without the plant sent you, as I found another specimen, somewhat mutilated, which will answer the purpose - and if I had not found it - I would not under any consideration deprive you of it - I enclose a few additional flowers that may be useful for sketching ~~for purposes~~ purposes -

Truly yours hastily  
M E Hyams